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REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b)

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Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed on November 20, 2002 in the above-identified application and is being filed on or before its due date of March 20, 2003, together with a one-month extension of time. In response to this final Office Action, entry of the following amendments is earnestly solicited:

In the Claims:

Amend Claim 16 as follows:

--16. (Amended) A method for treatment and/or prophylaxis in mammalian patients with congestive heart failure, which method comprises administration to the patient of an effective amount of apoptotic bodies.

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